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SUBJECT: PHYSICAL SECURITY - CCC

MANILA FOR RCO AND ATO

HONG KONG FOR RSS

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1. I HAVE DISCUSSED RECOMMENDATION TO REINFORCE END WALLS OF CCC (REFTEL) WITH MY STAFF, INCLUDING SEABEES AND TCU PERSONNEL, AND URGE THAT RECOMMENDATION BE RECONSIDERED.
2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT ACCESS TO END WALLS FROM STAIRWELL OR NORTH AND SOUTH IS FACTOR TO CONSIDER, BUT THIS FACT WAS KNOWN WHEN WE GAVE CHINESE SPECIFICATIONS FOR CCC AREA. BASED ON OC, ATO, AND RSS RECOMMENDATIONS, WE DID NOT REQUEST CHINESE TO BUILD TO VAULT SPECIFICATIONS. AS CONSTRUCTED, END WALLS ARE 14" BRICK MASONRY.
3. TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, CCC AREA IS NOW COMPLETE AND IT SEEMS TO REFLECT POOR PLANNING TO HAVE TO RENOVATE BRAND NEW BUILDING BEFORE WE EVEN OCCUPY IT WHEN WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DICTATE DESIGN BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGAN.
4. I ASSUME THAT RECOMMENDATION NOT TO VAULT CCC AREA

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WAS BASED ON ASSESSMENT LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION AND I
CONCUR IN THAT INITIAL RECOMMENDATION. TO MY KNOWLEDGE
NOTHING HAS OCCURRED IN RECENT WEEKS TO CHANGE THAT
EVALUATION.

5. BASED ON OTHER MISSIONS EXPERIENCE DURING CULTURAL
REVOLUTION (WHICH IS MOST RECENT ANTI- FOREIGN ACTION BY
CHINESE), IT IS CLEAR THAT PARTIAL VAULTING IS NO BARRIER
TO NUMBERS WHICH CHINESE COULD MOBILIZE. EVEN FULL
VAULTING COULD PROVIDE ONLY MINIMAL TIME BARRIER.

6. CHINESE WERE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FLOOR LOADING
CAPABILITY OF 400 KILOGRAMS PER SQUARE METER, AND AS BUILT
WILL NOT SUPPORT ADDITIONAL LOAD OF STEEL REINFORCEMENT
ROD AND MASONRY NECESSARY TO BRING TO VAULT SPECIFICATIONS.

7. BECAUSE OF SPECIFICATIONS, E. G., NO CONDUITS, NO
LIGHTING, CHINESE KNOW WE INTEND TO MAKE SOME MODIFICATIONS
TO AREA, BUT IT WILL BE EMBARRASSING FOR THEM TO BECOME
AWARE, AS THEY MOST CERTAINLY WILL, THAT RENOVATIONS
INVOLVE REMOVAL OF PANELLING, WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE
DISPOSED OF SINCE WILL NOT BE REUSEABLE.

8. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY THAT
PANELLING CONCEALS MONITORING DEVICES. SINCE CHINESE
BUILT ENTIRE COMPOUND WITHOUT SUPERVISION, OPPORTUNITIES
TO INSTALL DEVICES ELSEWHERE WERE UNLIMITED AND ANY
BETWEEN BRICK WALLS AND PANELLING (IN AREA WHERE CHINESE
KNOW TECHNICIANS WILL BE WORKING) WOULD ONLY BE TOP OF
ICEBERG, NOT WARRANTING ALLOCATION OUR SCARCE RESOURCES
IN ADDITIONAL MAN- DAYS.

9. FINALLY, ON PRACTICAL SIDE, AS PEKING 159 NOTED,
ADDITIONAL SEABEES WOULD BE REQUIRED, SEABEES WOULD NOT
BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST RAYPROOF SUPERVISOR, AND FULL
COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY COULD NOT BE REACHED UNTIL END
OF SUMMER OR LATER.
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